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# **Task Force on Priority Admissions to State-Operated Treatment Programs**

Data on Admissions to Key Programs and Facilities

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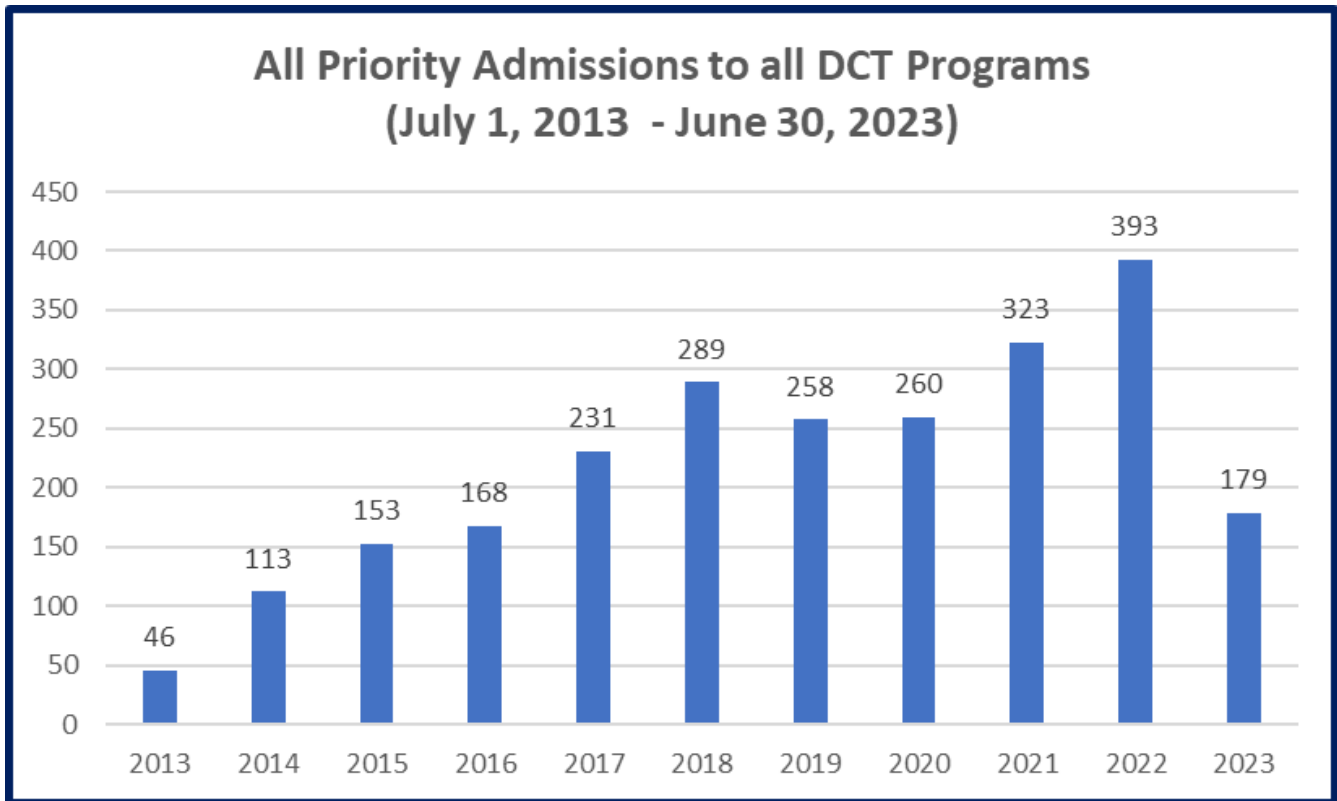
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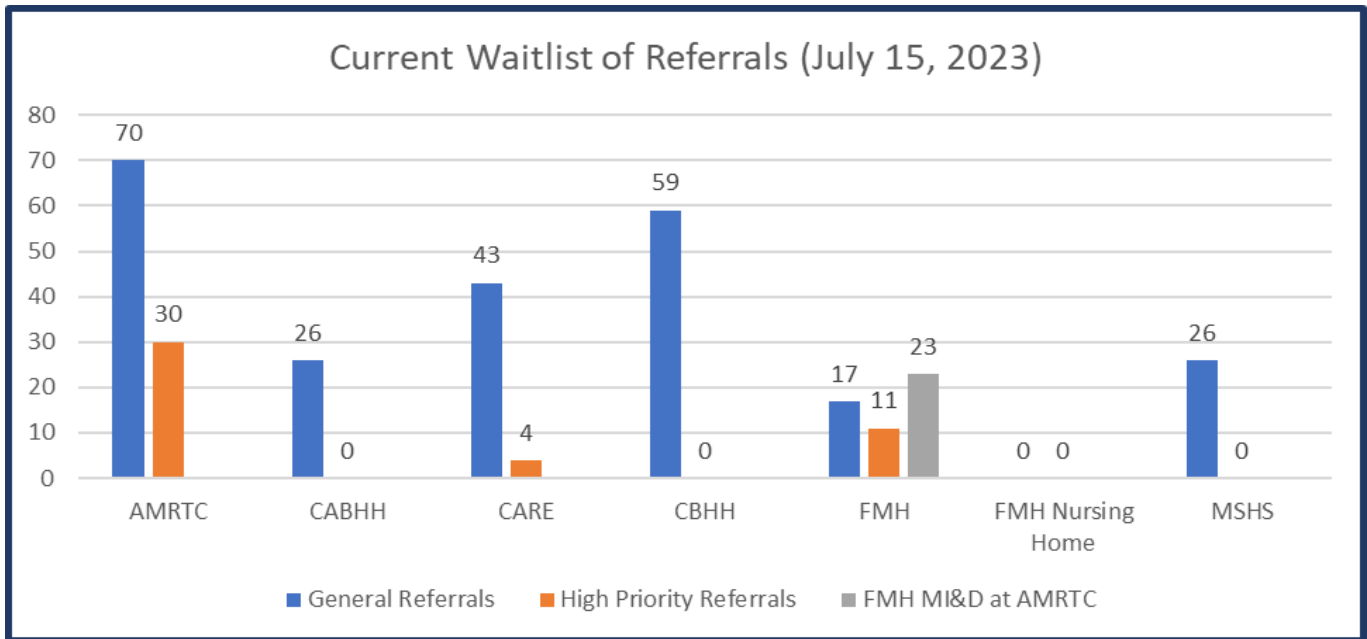
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## Priority Admissions to All DCT Programs



This graph illustrates admissions made under the priority admission statute to all DHS-operated treatment programs since the law's inception on July 1, 2013. Only the first six months (January through June) of 2023 have been included in this summary.

## Current Waitlist for Referrals



This graph illustrates the waitlists for DHS-operated treatment programs on July 15, 2023. The numbers are a snapshot on this date and time. They rise and fall from day to day as patients are discharged and new patients are admitted.

High Priority Referrals and General Referrals are depicted separately on the graph. Those two numbers combined represent the total waitlist at each facility. For example, AMRTC has 70 general referrals and 30 high priority referrals for a total waitlist of 100 at that facility.

The graph does not include Community-Based Services or the Minnesota Sex Offender Program because these DHS-operated programs are not typically sites for Priority Admission referrals.

### Acronym Key

AMRTC – Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center

CABHH – Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Hospital

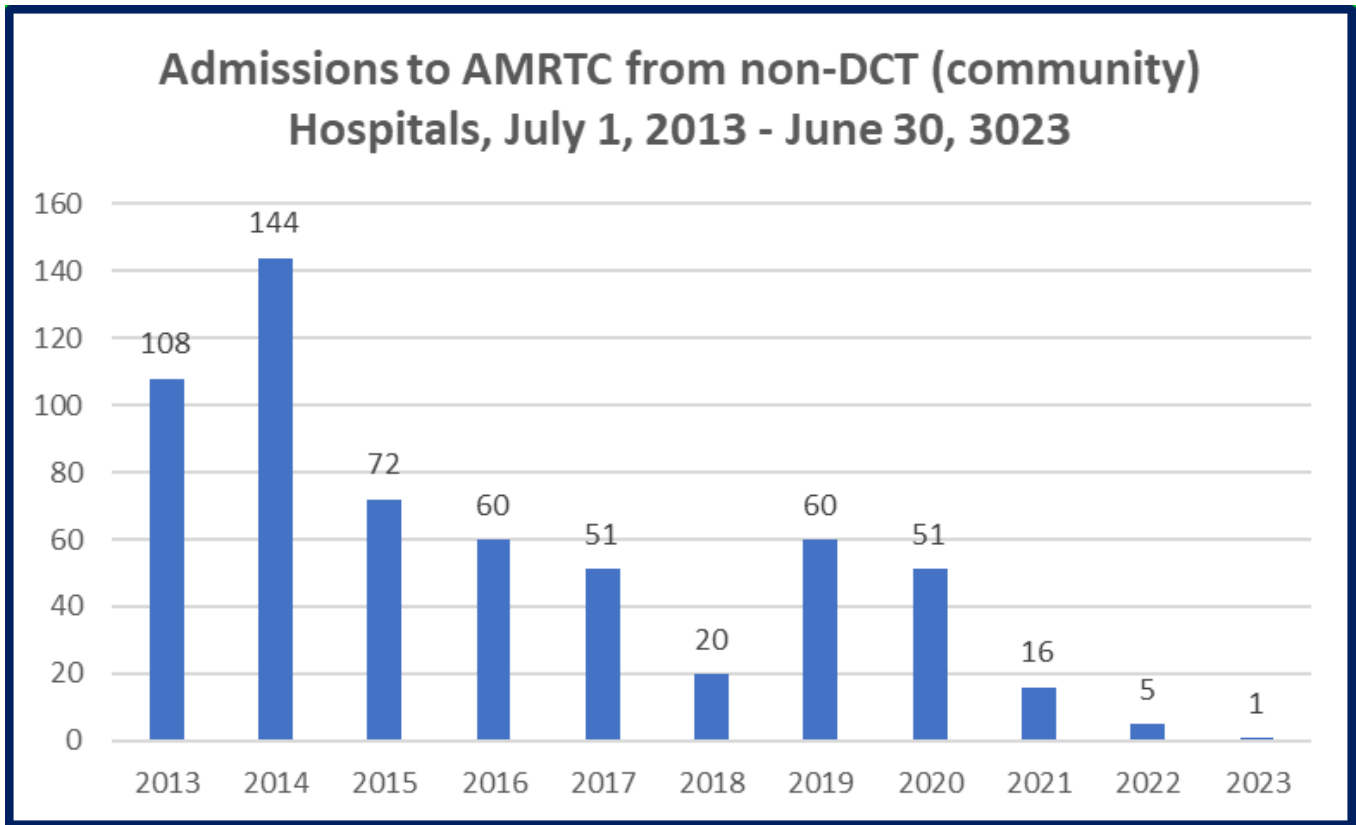
CARE – Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise

CBHH – Community Behavioral Health Hospitals

FMHP – Forensic Mental Health Program (known in statute as the Minnesota Security Hospital)

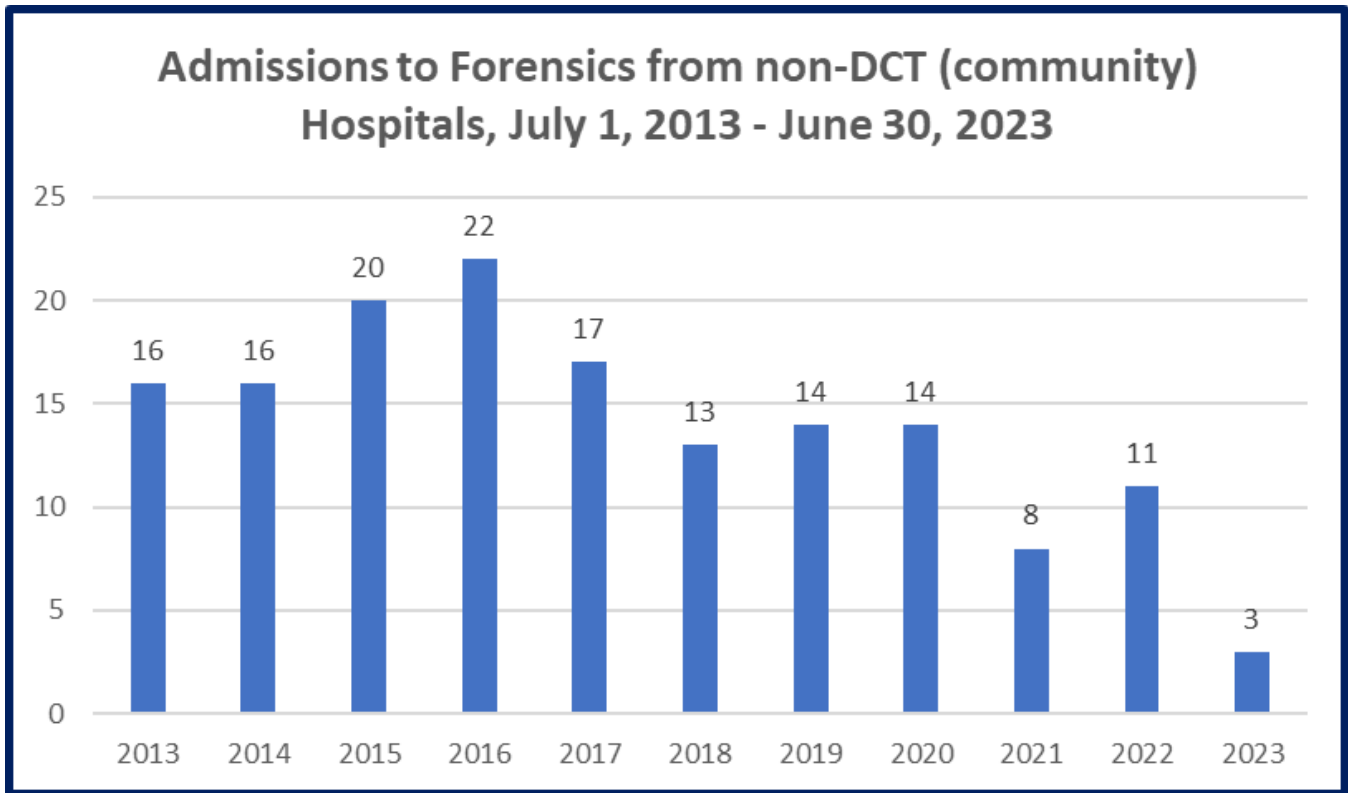
MSHS – Minnesota Specialty Health System

## Admissions to AMRTC from Community Hospitals



Admissions to the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center from community hospitals have declined sharply due to the Priority Admission statute. AMRTC is the largest state-operated psychiatric hospital and the facility most able to treat highly symptomatic patients who have complex and difficult-to-treat mental illness and behavior disorders.

## Admissions to the FMHP from Community Hospitals



Prior to March of 2021, the Forensic Mental Health Program occasionally accepted referrals from community hospitals when needed. However as of March 20, 2021, the FMHP accepts only individuals civilly committed as Mentally Ill and Dangerous. Admissions since that time consist of patients who have had their provisional discharge revoked and must return to the FMHP by statute.

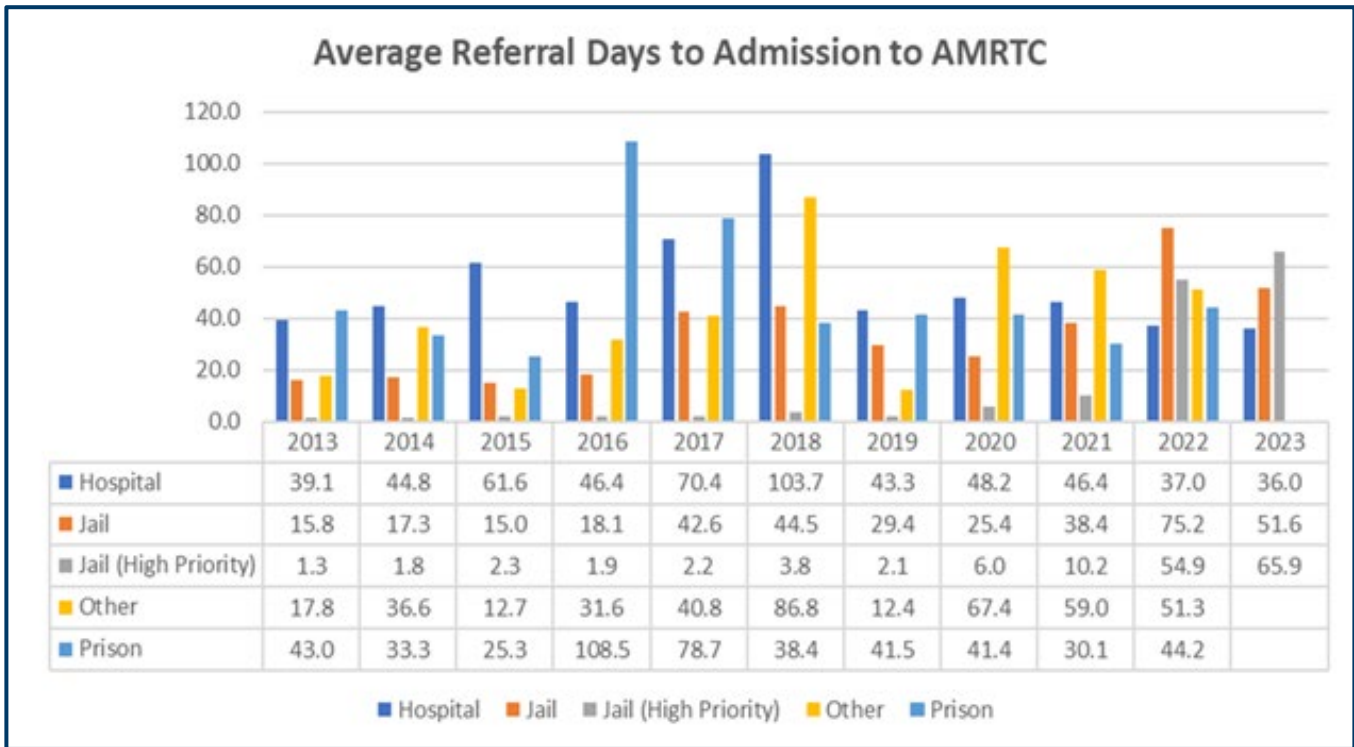
## Priority Admissions Referrals by County, January 2020 thru June 2023

The following table shows the number of admissions by county from January 2020 through June 2023, by year and cumulatively. In order to protect patient privacy, counties that referred 10 or fewer individuals in any given year or cumulatively are reflected by Not Reportable (N/R). Counties with no referrals in any given period are represented by 0.

County	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	County	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Hennepin	65	96	113	42	316	Le Sueur	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ramsey	46	100	114	43	303	Lyon	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
St Louis	12	18	28	NR	67	Mahnomen	NR	0	0	0	NR
Dakota	10	15	12	NR	45	Marshall	0	0	NR	0	NR
Clay	NR	18	NR	NR	38	Martin	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
Cass	13	NR	11	NR	36	McLeod	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
Stearns	NR	11	11	NR	32	Meecker	0	NR	NR	NR	NR
Anoka	NR	NR	NR	NR	27	Mille Lacs	0	NR	0	0	NR
Olmsted	NR	NR	NR	NR	19	Morrison	0	NR	NR	0	NR
Blue Earth	NR	NR	NR	0	17	Murray	NR	0	NR	0	NR
Goodhue	NR	NR	NR	NR	17	Nobles	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
Wright	NR	NR	NR	NR	17	Norman	0	0	0	NR	NR
Beltrami	NR	NR	NR	NR	15	Otter Tail	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Crow Wing	NR	NR	NR	NR	13	Pennington	NR	0	NR	0	NR
Itasca	0	NR	NR	0	13	Pine	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
Scott	NR	NR	NR	NR	13	Pipestone	0	0	NR	0	NR
Mower	NR	NR	NR	NR	12	Polk	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
Aitkin	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	RedWood	0	NR	NR	NR	NR
Becker	0	NR	0	NR	NR	Renville	0	NR	0	0	NR
Benton	NR	0	NR	NR	NR	Rice	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Big Stone	0	NR	0	0	NR	Roseau	0	0	NR	0	NR
Brown	0	NR	NR	0	NR	Sherburne	0	0	NR	0	NR
Carlton	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	Sibley	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
Carver	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Steele	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
Chisago	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Stevens	0	0	NR	0	NR
Clearwater	0	0	NR	NR	NR	Swift	0	0	NR	0	NR
Cook	0	NR	NR	0	NR	Todd	0	0	NR	0	NR
Cottonwood	NR	NR	0	0	NR	Traverse	0	0	0	NR	NR
Dodge	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	Wabasha	NR	NR	NR	0	NR
Douglas	NR	0	NR	NR	NR	Wadena	0	NR	NR	0	NR
Faribault	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Waseca	0	0	0	NR	NR
Fillmore	0	NR	NR	0	NR	Washington	0	NR	NR	0	NR
Freeborn	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Watsonwan	0	0	NR	0	NR
Grant	NR	0	0	0	NR	Wilkin	0	0	NR	0	NR
Houston	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	Winona	0	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hubbard	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Yellow Medicine	NR	0	0	NR	NR
Isanti	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	Chippewa	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	NR	0	NR	0	NR	Kanabec	0	0	0	0	0
Kandiyohi	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0
Kittson	0	0	0	NR	NR	Nicollet	0	0	0	0	0
Koochiching	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	Pope	0	0	0	0	0
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	NR	0	NR	Red Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	NR	0	0	NR	Rock	0	0	0	0	0
Lake of the Woods	0	NR	0	0	NR	<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1238</b>



## Average Referral Days to Admission to AMRTC



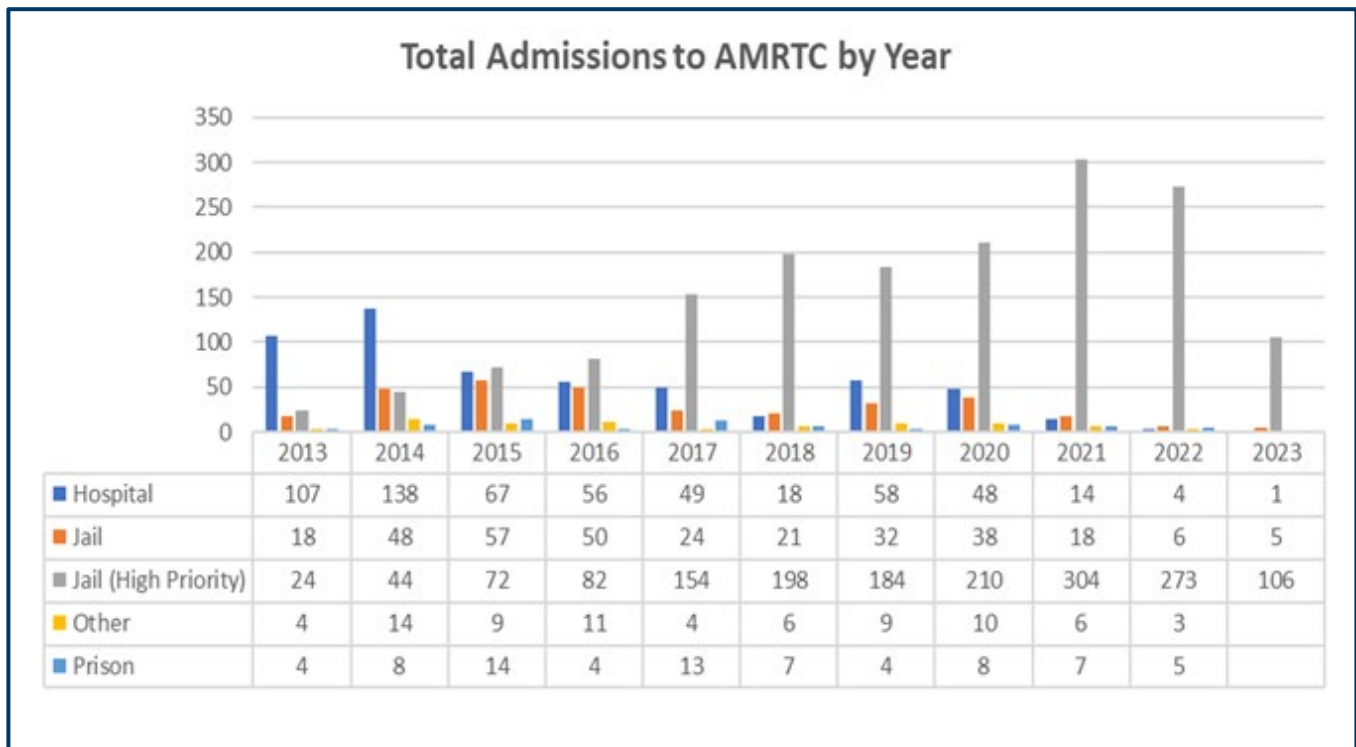
The graph depicts the average number of days individuals spent on the waiting list before admission to Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center (AMRTC) between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2023. The start date was calculated by the date of referral for all admissions except for those admitted under the Priority Admission Statute, which was calculated from the date the court order making them a priority admission was received. The date of a court order for non-priority admission referrals does not accurately represent the time a referral is on the waitlist because Central Preadmissions (CPA) does not record the date the court order was received for all these referrals and that may or may not be the day of referral.

Those admitted from the “other” category include individuals in community-based settings such as Intensive Rehabilitative Treatment Services (IRTS) facilities, detoxification facilities, private residences, homeless shelters, and others. Those admitted from jail include individuals in jail at the time of admission but who do not qualify for priority admission status. Those admitted from prisons reflect individuals under civil commitment referred for admission to AMRTC following completion of their sentence.

### Acronym Key

AMRTC – Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center

## Total Admissions to AMRTC by Year

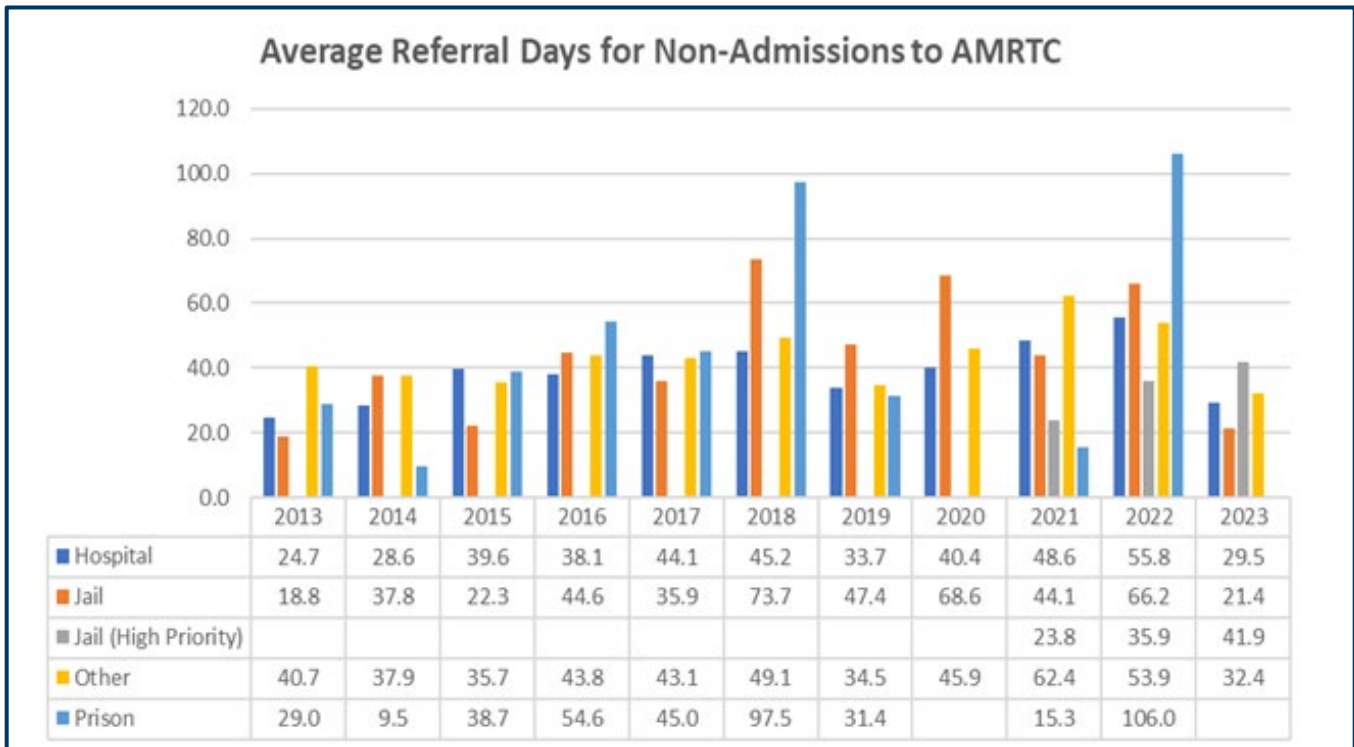


Number of admissions to Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2023. Starting in January 2022, DHS’s other Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services (MHSATS) programs, including the Community Behavioral Health Hospitals and the Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise (CARE) programs began to admit medically appropriate priority admission referrals. As a result, starting in January 2022, priority referral admissions to AMRTC do not represent the total priority admission referrals admitted to MHSATS programs. Also note that a small number of priority admissions are admitted to the Forensic Mental Health Program. Those admissions are not reflected here.

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This chart shows that the total number of people AMRTC has been able to admit from community settings has decreased significantly over time as AMRTC has increased the number of priority referrals it is able to safely admit and treat.

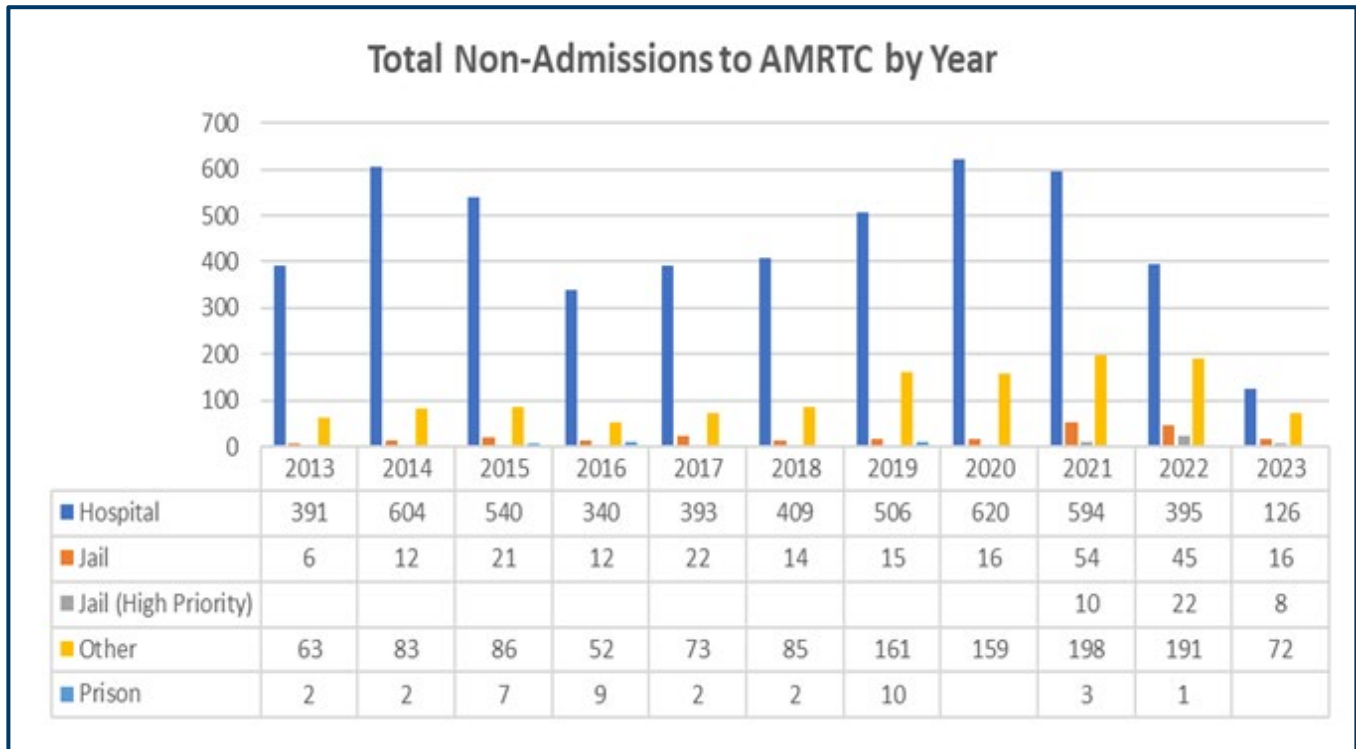
## Average Referral Days for Non-Admissions to AMRTC



This graph shows the average length of time individuals spent on the waitlist for admission to the Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center before being removed from the waitlist between July 1, 2013, and June 3, 2023. It details the time spent on the waitlist for those who were never admitted to AMRTC for various reasons, such as an alternative placement being identified rendering admission to AMRTC unnecessary, or a civil commitment being dropped.

The chart shows a significantly higher number of days on a waitlist for community referrals before another disposition is achieved as compared to priority referrals. In the past three years, more priority referrals have also been removed from the waitlist prior to admission.

## Total Non-Admissions to AMRTC by Year



This graph illustrates the number of individuals referred to Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center and placed on the waitlist who were ultimately not admitted to AMRTC for various reasons between July 30, 2013, and June 30, 2023. Trends to note include reduced number of referrals by community hospitals since 2019. Because the decrease in non-admissions over the past three years is not attributable to increased community admissions (see chart 2), this decrease represents a reduction in the absolute number of referrals made to DCT from these sources.